News-item "Men in Uniform Demands Justice"

381. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a write-up by a former DG of Punjab Police appearing in the Hindustan Times, dated 8th June, 2001, under the caption "Men in uniform demands justice"; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the steps taken or proposed to be taken for remedying the situation where the terrorists of yester years are reigning the State power and the institutions of democracy are inexorably arranged against the very people who made democracy possible by risking their lives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The observations made in the article suggesting that terrorists of yester years are reigning the State power and the institutions of democracy are inexorably arrayed against the people who made democracy possible by risking their lives, is sweeping and general. Every individual organization is subject to the due process of law. Both State and Central Government are seized of the difficulties being faced by some of the officers and men of Punjab police who are facing court cases on account of alleged excesses and violation of human rights while fighting terrorism in Punjab. The necessary legal help is provided depending on merits of each case.

Plan for expansion and development of non-conventional energy sources

382. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any action plan for expansion and development of non-conventional energy sources in the country;